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Chapter I
Introduction

1. By its resolution 55/199, the General Assembly decided to convene the Commission on Sustainable Development to act as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

2. At its third session, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee continued its consideration of the Chairman's paper transmitted from its second session (A/CONF.199/L.1), together with other inputs to the preparatory process, with a view to identifying recommendations for future action, as well as possible time-bound measures that need to be undertaken in order to strengthen implementation of Agenda 21. In addition, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered matters related to ways of strengthening the institutional framework for sustainable development and evaluation and defining the role and programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee also provided a forum for the exchange of views and information about partnerships/initiatives involving Governments, international organizations and major groups which are being undertaken or proposed as part of preparations for the Summit, and to clarify questions with regard to the scope and modalities of such partnerships and initiatives.

Chapter II
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee held its third session from 25 March to 5 April 2002, as recommended in its decision 2001/PC/1. It held 4 meetings (1st to 4th) and a number of informal meetings.

4. At the 1st meeting, on 25 March, the Chairman, Emil Salim (Indonesia), opened the session and made an opening statement.

5. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and Secretary-General of the Summit made an introductory statement.

6. At the same meeting, presentations were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations, the representative of Cape Verde, the representative of Venezuela (on behalf of the States Members that are members of the Group of 77 and China) and the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

7. At the 2nd meeting, on 27 March, the Vice-President of Uganda and Co-Chair of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Round Table on Integrated Land and Water Management for Food and Environmental Security, Speciosa Kandira Kazibwe, addressed the Commission.

8. At the 3rd meeting, on 28 March, the President of the Governing Council of UNEP, David Anderson (Canada), made an oral report to the Commission acting as the preparatory committee. Presentations were also made by Jan Pronk, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Summit, Zepherin Diabre, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Herbert Acquay, team leader for GEF Land and Water Resources.

B. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 25 March, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.199/PC/1 and approved its organization of work. The agenda read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Consideration of the Chairman's paper transmitted from the second session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, together with other relevant inputs to the preparatory process.
3. Other matters.
4. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its third session.

10. At the same meeting, the Chairman informed the Commission acting as the preparatory committee that the following arrangements had been made regarding

the distribution of tasks among the Vice-Chairmen: Working Group I, Co-Chairs: Kyotaka Akasaka (Japan), Maria Luiza Viotti (Brazil); Working Group II, Co-Chairs: Richard Ballhorn (Canada), Ihab Gamaleldin (Egypt); Working Group III, Co-Chairs: Lars-Göran Engfeldt (Sweden), Ositadimna Anaedu (Nigeria). Co-Chairs Jan Kara (Czech Republic) and Dianne Quarless (Jamaica) would act as facilitators of "type two" initiatives, and Alexandru Niculescu (Romania) would be responsible for special assignments on behalf of the Chairman.

11. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Indonesia informed the Commission acting as the preparatory committee that its fourth session would be held in Bali, Indonesia.

12. At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee approved the requests for accreditation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur, the Common Fund for Commodities, the Interstate Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States on Promotion of Knowledge and Adult Education, the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, Sahara and Sahel Observatory, and the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme, as intergovernmental organizations, to participate in the preparatory process and the Summit with the status of observers.

13. Also at the same meeting, the Commission decided to accredit all the non-governmental organizations listed in annex I of document A/CONF.199/PC/6 to participate in the preparatory process and the Summit with the status of observers.

14. At the 4th meeting, on 5 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered the request for accreditation of the Tibet Justice Center, a non-governmental organization (see A/CONF.199/PC/6/Add.1).

15. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America put forward a proposal to accredit the non-governmental organization Tibet Justice Center.

16. At the same meeting, the representative of Spain (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, Malta, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein) made a statement in support of the proposal made by the United States.

17. At the same meeting, the representative of China called for a no-action motion regarding the accreditation of the non-governmental organization Tibet Justice Center.

18. At the same meeting, the representatives of Pakistan and Cuba made statements in favour of the no-action motion, and the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, Malta, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and the United States of America made statements against the no-action motion.

19. At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, carried the no-action motion by a recorded vote of 107 to 45, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan,

Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Against:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America.

Abstentions:

Armenia, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chad, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Holy See, India, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Tuvalu and Uruguay.

C. Attendance

20. In accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 55/199, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee was open-ended to allow the full participation of all States.

21. The following States were represented: Algeria, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

22. The European Community was represented.

23. The following United Nations bodies were represented: Economic Commission for Africa; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Regional Commissions New York Office; UNDP; UNEP; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Population Fund; World Food Programme; United Nations University; the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; United Nations Volunteers and Global Environment Facility.

24. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Meteorological Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development, International Maritime Organization, United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The World Trade Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Organization for Migration were also represented.

25. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Association of South-East Asian Nations, Caribbean Community, Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur, Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Common Fund for Commodities, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Convention on Wetlands, Commonwealth Secretariat, European Space Agency, Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety, International Energy Agency, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, International Organization of la Francophonie, World Conservation Union, Interstate Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States on Promotion of Knowledge and Adult Education, Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference, Nordic Council of Ministers, North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Organization of African Unity, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, Sahara and Sahel Observatory, South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region.

26. The observers for the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and maintain permanent offices at Headquarters, attended the session.

27. The observers for the secretariats of the Conventions to Combat Desertification, on Climate Change and on Biological Diversity attended the session.

28. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the session.

D. Documentation

29. The list of documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee at its second session is contained in annex II.

Chapter III
Consideration of the Chairman's paper transmitted from the second session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, together with other relevant inputs to the preparatory process

30. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st to 4th meetings, on 25, 27 and 28 March and 5 April 2002 (for the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 4-8).

31. At the 4th meeting, on 5 April, the Co-Chair of Working Group I, Maria Luiza Viotti (Brazil), the Co-Chair of Working Group II, Richard Ballhorn (Canada), and the Co-Chair of Working Group III, Lars-Göran Engfeldt (Sweden), made oral reports to the Commission on the outcome of the discussions held in their respective working groups. Co-Chair Jan Kara (Czech Republic) made an oral report on the outcome of the discussions held on partnerships/initiatives.

Action taken by the Commission acting as the preparatory committee

32. At its 4th meeting, on 5 April, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee decided to entrust the Chairman with the preparation of his revised paper with a view to its transmittal to its fourth session for further consideration (see chap. V, decision 2002/PC/3).

Chapter IV
Adoption of the report

33. At its 4th meeting, on 5 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee had before it the draft report on its third session (A/CONF.199/PC/L.2).

34. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft report.

Chapter V
Decision adopted by the Commission acting as the preparatory committee

35. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee adopted the following decision:

Decision 2002/PC/3
Transmittal of the revised Chairman's paper to the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development

At its 4th meeting, on 5 April 2002, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development decided to entrust the Chairman with the preparation of his revised paper with a view to its transmittal to the fourth session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for further consideration.

Annex I

Vice-Chair's summary of the informal meetings on partnerships/initiatives

1. During the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, four informal meetings on partnerships/initiatives were held ("type two" outcomes, as described in the explanatory note by the Chairman; see www.johannesburgsummit.org). The meetings provided interested parties with a forum in which to exchange views and inform about partnerships/initiatives that they are undertaking, as well as to clarify questions with regard to the scope and modalities of potential partnerships. The meetings also provided an opportunity to present new ideas for more partnerships/initiatives and to try to identify potential partners.

2. The informal meetings were attended by a large number of representatives of Governments, international organizations and major groups. Discussions showed a strong interest on the part of Governments and major groups to engage in partnerships and develop initiatives to contribute to implementing Agenda 21, the millennium development goals and the globally agreed upon outcomes of the Summit.

Observations on the scope and modalities of "type two" outcomes

3. A number of questions were raised during the informal discussions about the scope and modalities of "type two" partnerships and their relationship with the globally agreed, negotiated outcomes of the Summit. It was stressed that "type two" partnerships are not intended to substitute strong commitments by Governments in the globally agreed "type one" outcomes, rather they should contribute to translating those political commitments into action.

4. As "type two" partnerships are of a voluntary, self-organizing nature, parameters for their elaboration should be as flexible and simple as possible. On the other hand, there were strong calls to establish a framework for such partnerships that would ensure their alignment with the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, as well as monitoring of progress in their implementation after the Summit.

5. Participants highlighted the need for a participatory approach, based on mutual trust and respect for rights of all partners involved, so that ownership of an initiative would be shared between all partners.

6. Participants expressed the view that "type two" partnerships can be organized in different ways, depending on their objectives and their scope and reach. However, there was agreement that the partnerships need to be elaborated as a genuine contribution to the outcome of the Summit, and that in the case of ongoing initiatives there must be a clear added value in the context of the Summit.

7. In view of the discussions during the informal meetings, the Vice-Chairs circulated an explanatory note with general guidelines for the elaboration of "type two outcomes". Participants welcomed the note as a useful guidance for their further work. A slightly revised version, taking into account comments made during the fourth informal meeting is contained in the appendix.

Potential areas for "type two" partnerships

8. Although many participants stated that they need more time to develop proposals for "type two" partnerships, a number of concrete proposals were presented during the informal meetings by international organizations and major groups. Government representatives also indicated areas in which they have started to elaborate "type two" partnerships. Areas mentioned include sustainable agriculture, food security and rural development, clean energy, chemicals, education and training, freshwater and sanitation, forests, information and communication technologies, initiatives for Africa, health, sustainable urbanization, sustainable mountain development, oceans and fisheries, sustainable consumption and production patterns, and technology transfer.

Further process

9. Consultations on the "type two" partnerships will continue throughout the fourth session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee in

Bali. In addition to that informal process, stakeholders will have the opportunity to suggest and discuss partnerships during the multi-stakeholder dialogue segment and in side events they may wish to organize during the fourth session. In the interim, the Vice-Chairs, with the help of the Summit secretariat, will continue to facilitate progress. All interested partners are invited to submit their proposals for partnerships/initiatives to the Summit secretariat (e-mail: linnm@un.org), using the form attached to the Chairman's explanatory note. Proposals will be posted to the official United Nations web site for the Summit (www.johannesburgsummit.org).

Appendix

Further guidance for partnerships/ initiatives ("type two outcomes") to be elaborated by interested parties in preparation for the Summit

Explanatory note by the Vice-Chairs, Jan Kara and Diane Quarless (addendum to the Chairman's explanatory note)

1. During informal meetings at the third session, participants expressed the wish for additional guidance with regard to the elaboration of partnerships/initiatives that are expected to become part of the outcomes of the Summit.

2. Building on the Chairman's explanatory note (see www.johannesburgsummit.org) and taking into account views expressed during the informal meetings, we submit to all the partners the following general guidelines on "type two" outcomes.

Link to Agenda 21 and millennium development goals

3. "Type two" partnerships/initiatives are intended to help achieve the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the millennium development goals.

Complementarity to "Type one" outcomes

4. "Type two" partnerships/initiatives are complementary to the globally agreed "type one" outcomes: they are not intended to substitute commitments by Governments in the "type one" documents; rather, they should contribute to translating those political commitments into action. Given the broad range of issues currently being negotiated, it should not prove difficult to link a "type two" initiative to the negotiated outcome.

Voluntary nature

5. "Type two" partnerships/initiatives are of a voluntary, "self-organizing" nature: unlike "type one" outcomes they are not subject to negotiation within the Commission acting as the preparatory committee.

Participatory approach

6. "Type two" partnerships can be initiated by Governments, international organizations or major groups. They can be arranged among any combination of partners, including Governments, regional groups, non-governmental actors, international institutions and private-sector partners. Preferably, they should involve a range of significant actors in a given area of work. They should be genuinely participatory in approach, so that their ownership is shared between all partners.

New/value added initiatives

7. Ideally, "type two" partnerships/initiatives should be "new", which means they are elaborated as a particular contribution to the outcome of the Summit. In the case of ongoing initiatives, there must be a clearly demonstrated added value to those initiatives in the context of the Summit (e.g., more partners taken on board, replicating an initiative or extending it to another geographical region or increasing financial resources).

Integrative approach

8. Every effort should be made to ensure the integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in the design and implementation of the partnership/initiative. It should be coherent with the sustainable development strategies of the countries where its implementation takes place.

International relevance

9. "Type two" partnerships/initiatives need to be international in scope and reach, which means global, regional and/or subregional. Although support for the implementation of Agenda 21 in developing countries is particularly welcome, initiatives within one region are not excluded, as long as they clearly contribute to

the implementation of Agenda 21 and the globally agreed outcomes of the Summit.

Level of commitment

10. "Type two" partnerships/initiatives should have clear objectives and set specific targets and time frames for their achievement. Availab'e and/or expected sources of funding should be identified, and at least the initial funding should be assured at the time of the Summit if the initiative/partnership is to be launched there. Initiatives that do not qualify for launching at the time of the Summit may be considered later in the Summit follow-up process.

Accountability

11. "Type two" partnerships/initiatives need to have internal arrangements for the monitoring of progress in their implementation. The Commission on Sustainable Development may provide a forum for following up their implementation (to be discussed and decided in the negotiations on sustainable development governance within the Commission acting as the preparatory committee).

Annex II

List of documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee at its third session

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
A/CONF.199/PC/1	1	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.199/PC/1/Add.1	1	Proposed organization of work
A/CONF.199/PC/2 and Corr.1	2	Report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its second session
A/CONF.199/PC/3	2	Note by the Secretary-General on international environmental governance
A/CONF.199/PC/4	2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of a meeting of national focal points on improving future national reporting to the Commission
A/CONF.199/PC/5	2	Letter dated 14 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee
A/CONF.199/PC/6 and Add.1	1	Note by the Secretary-General on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/7	2	Letter dated 15 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Cape Verde to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
A/CONF.199/PC/8	2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the ministerial declaration and message from the United Nations Forum on Forests to the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/9	2	Note by the Secretariat on the contribution of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/10	2	Note by the Secretariat on the participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee
A/CONF.199/PC/11	2	Letter dated 28 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of February 2002, to the Secretary-General of the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/12	1	Letter dated 25 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
A/CONF.199/PC/13	2	Letter dated 3 April 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Finland addressed to the Secretary-General

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
A/CONF.199/PC/L.1	2	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the Chairman's paper
A/CONF.199/PC/L.2	4	Draft report
A/CONF.199/PC/Misc.1	2	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Alliance of Small Island States Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/CRP.1		Programme of meetings and activities for the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee

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